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SUBJECT: MILITARY SURVEY TEAM

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1. BOTH KHOURY AND DATT AGREE THAT SECURITY FOR THE TAM MEMBERS WILL NOT BE SERIOUS PROBLEM WHILE THEY ARE WORKING IN THE LAF HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OF ITS SUBORDINATE UNITS. LAF WILL PROVIDE A SECURITY FORCE TO ENSURE THAT OUR MILITARY TEAM'S TRAVEL AND VISITS TO VARIOUS BARRACKS AND MAINTENANCE AREAS WILL BE ASSURED. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY RSO WILL BRIEF TEAM WHEN THEY ARRIVE AND EXPLAIN SECURITY PROCEDURES WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED IN THEIR LODGINGS AND DURING OFF-DUTY PERIODS. NORMAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS USED FOR THE OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS SHOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INITIAL PROTECTION, BUT ADDITIONAL MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN IF REQUIRED. OUR SECURITY OFFICER FEELS THAT HE CAN HANDLE THIS ASPECT OF THE VISIT WITH EXISTING ASSETS.

2. THE LEBANESE FEEL THAT THE TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT MOST LAF MILITARY FACILITIES EXCEPT THOSE IN THE SOUTH. DATT ADDS THAT IT MAY BE INADVISABLE TO VISIT CONFIDENTIAL.

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SOME OF THE OUTLYING POSTS WHICH INVOLVE LONG DISTANCE TRAVELLING AND ARE PROXIMATE TO PALESTINIAN CAMPS, SUCH AS THOSE IN THE NORTH. GENERALLY, WE FEEL THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE ENOUGH TO MAKE THE VISIT WORTHWHILE.

3. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR TEAM PREPARED BY GENERAL KHOURY AND HIS STAFF FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

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